

**Tennessee Board of Athletic Trainers
Special Teleconference Minutes**

Date: August 15, 2016

Time: 3:30 p.m. CST

Location: Poplar Conference Room
665 Mainstream Drive
Ground Floor
Nashville, TN 37243

Members Present: Monroe Abram, A.T., Chair

**Members Present
By Phone:** Walter Fitzpatrick, Consumer Member
Dr. Alex Diamond, Physician

Members Absent: Helen Binkley, AT
Craig Moorhouse, AT Vice Chair

Staff Present: Michael Sobowale, Unit Director
Tomica Walker, Board Administrator
Paetria Morgan, Assistant General Counsel
Rosemarie Otto, Health Related Boards Director
Butch Jack, Finance Officer

The necessary number of Board members joined the teleconference and a quorum was established. Upon the determination of a quorum being present, Mr. Abram called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m. A roll call of members present and participating by phone was taken. Mr. Sobowale made opening remarks to the Board and provided an overview of statutory requirements for a special meeting by teleconference. All of the requirements were satisfied. Thereafter, a motion was made by Mr. Fitzpatrick, seconded by Dr. Diamond, to proceed with the meeting. The motion passed.

Withdrawal of Rule Amendment

Mr. Abram began the discussion by informing members that the Board has received updated information from the Department of Health regarding the its financial projections for Fiscal Year 2016 which estimated that the Board will close with a net positive balance and positive

cumulative carryover for the year. With this year-end fiscal projection, a discussion was held that it would no longer be necessary for the Board to move forward with the promulgated rule for license renewal fee increase which was pending approval before the Joint Government Operations Committee in the General Assembly. The Board discussed withdrawing the promulgated rule for a fee increase, thereby preventing it from taking effect at this time. After discussion, Mr. Fitzpatrick made a motion, seconded by Dr. Diamond, to withdraw the rule to increase the renewal fees at this time. The Board conducted a roll call vote with: Mr. Abram, Mr. Fitzpatrick, and Dr. Diamond all voting in the affirmative. The motion passed.

Applicant Interview

Laura Hepple, AT- Ms. Hepple appeared before the Board due to multiple misdemeanor convictions. After discussion, Mr. Fitzpatrick made a motion, seconded by Dr. Diamond, to grant approval for licensure. The motion carried.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Abram moved for adjournment of the meeting, seconded by Mr. Fitzpatrick. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 4: 37pm.